

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. If we exempt, under this proposal, if we exempt these large truck tractors and semitrailers from the licensing requirement, now these...there's nothing that would prevent these kinds of vehicles from being driven on the interstate as long as they're within 150 miles, or driven into the City of Lincoln if they're within 150 miles of the farm. Is that right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So they can be in very congested urban areas driving these things without requirement, without the...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...licensing requirement. Senator Kristensen, thank you. I guess on something like this where large truck-trailers are involved, this is a little bit different question to me than smaller commercial vehicles and I don't...maybe they're easier to handle than I think, but I kind of doubt that. I think it takes a degree of skill to handle those and some knowledge and some judgment and some experience and it would seem to me that requiring a commercial license for the driving of those kinds of vehicles ought to be required, especially if they're not restricted from congested areas or urban areas. If there is a reason for the law then it would seem to me that the reason for the law would apply in this particular instance. I guess it doesn't matter much to me if my vehicle is hit by a semitrailer, it's a farm vehicle or a semitrailer, that's another kind of commercial vehicle, I'm hit just the same. And it seems to me the people that drive them ought to be...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...required to meet the same requirements regardless of which industry they may be driving them on behalf of or even if they're driving them part time. If they're only driving them a few times a year, then maybe what we ought to do is exempt all truck trailers that are only driven a few times a year. It seems to me that you ought to articulate some principle other than the fact that they're simply...happened to be used in farming in this particular instance to distinguish and exempt from requirements that everybody else has to follow